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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C.
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Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

The members of the Ohio Conference NAACP, (the National Association of Advancement for Colored People), respectfully submit these comments in support of the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile. Our organization strives to ensure equal rights for minorities and the general public. We recognize AT&T's dedication to diversity, their commitment to encouraging and facilitating personal and professional growth of African-American employees, and the continued assistance they offer organizations in the African-American community.

With unemployment above the national and state average, attracting new and diverse businesses to the region is key to the state of Ohio's economic vitality. We need growth in technology, particularly wireless technology and expansion in mobile broadband technology, to help foster this economic growth. We also need the power of technology to help our communities thrive and grow. Now more than ever, broadband connectivity is vital to keeping our rural communities strong and critical to bringing high-paying communications jobs to previously underserved areas. We believe that the AT&T-T-Mobile merger will aid in this process and enable our state to continue on the path to economic recovery.

Again, on behalf of the Ohio Conference N.A.A.C.P and the thousands of consumers we serve, we hope you will move quickly to review and approve this important deal.

The Struggle Continues,

The Ohio Conference NAACP
Sybil Edwards-Mc Nabb
President

CC:

Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker